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*Smallpox and plague.*

MANILA, P. I., May 1, 1900.

SIR: Relative to plague and smallpox in Manila, P. I., for the week ended April 28, 1900, I have the honor to report as follows: Plague, 13 cases and 7 deaths; of this number there were 10 Chinese and 3 Filipinos. Smallpox, 3 cases and no deaths.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,

*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

*Plague on steamship San Jorge.*

MANILA, P. I., May 1, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor hereby to inform you that the steamer *San Jorge* arrived at Manila April 29, 1900, having had 1 death among the crew from plague. Relative to this case I would state that the infection was contracted in Manila and the disease developed three days after leaving this port for Catbalogan, P. I., resulting in death six days later while the vessel was in the latter port. The body was buried at sea, and all the clothing and effects of the patient were destroyed. Upon arrival vessel was placed in quarantine and disinfected with sulphur and bichloride of mercury; the crew were bathed and their clothing disinfected, and the cargo, which consisted of hemp, was unloaded on lighters and exposed to the sun and air.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,

*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

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PORTO RICO.

*Report from Ponce.*

PONCE, P. R., May 28, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the regular quarantine and abstract bills of health reports for the week ended May 26, 1900. Nothing of special interest has occurred among the shipping.

The same high death rate prevails, even increasing slightly. Two cases of smallpox appeared a few days ago among the prisoners in the city jail. The cases were isolated and all precautions taken to prevent spread of the disease.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,

*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

SCOTLAND.

*Reports from Glasgow.*

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND, May 26, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report for the week ended May 19, 1900:

The steamship *City of Rome* sailed for New York on the 19th instant. There were inspected and passed 140 cabin and 331 steerage passengers.

Fourteen bundles of bedding were disinfected and 2 bundles held for disinfection. Bills of health were issued to 2 vessels with cargo during the week. The sanitary report for the week shows 27 cases of smallpox and 9 cases of typhus fever. I inclose herewith weekly abstract of bills of health issued to these vessels.

Respectfully,

H. W. WICKES,  
*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND, *May 30, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report as follows for the week ended May 26, 1900: On May 24 the steamship *Laurentian* sailed for New York with 56 second-cabin and 49 steerage passengers, all of whom were passed. Sixteen bundles of bedding were disinfected for this vessel. The weekly sanitary report shows 30 cases of smallpox with 1 death, and 9 cases of typhus fever.

I inclose the weekly abstract of bills of health.

Respectfully,

H. W. WICKES,  
*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

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*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

SIAM.

*Cholera in Bangkok.*

BANGKOK, SIAM, *April 19, 1900.*

SIR: This finds me with my family on a little island at the head of the gulf in easy connection with the legation. Bangkok is in a very bad state just now. The rainy season last year was limited and the dry season set in a month earlier than usual. The result was a very hot, dry winter, bad water in the river and very much sickness. Cholera is very prevalent and the bad feature is the number of cases that have occurred among the white portion of the population. The prevailing idea that Europeans need not be anxious about the disease if they exercise care in the use of food and water is cast to the winds and a time of general anxiety is upon us.

The scourge has been on now for nearly two weeks. Of 16 cases among the Europeans, 12 have been fatal. Anywhere from 100 to 200 a day are dying among the natives, as reported to me by those qualified to speak.

We are anxiously looking for rain, but as it will not come in all probability until well into May, we shall see things worse before they are better.

Respectfully,

HAMILTON KING,  
*United States Consul.*

Hon. SECRETARY OF STATE.